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## **SENATOR ALLARD ANNOUNCES \$11 MILLION FOR NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LAB**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on Tuesday announced that the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Golden will receive \$11 million in funding from the 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act.

“I am pleased that Congress has made NREL a funding priority this year,” Senator Allard said. “In recent years, it has become clear that energy independence is an essential part of our national security. The research being conducted at NREL is a part of securing that independence.”

Of the total \$11 million that has been appropriated to NREL for FY 2005, \$6.68 million is designated for the construction of a new science and technology facility at their Golden campus. This new facility will provide the facilities and infrastructure needed for NREL to expand its research in the areas of fuel cell, hydrogen, advanced lighting and solar technologies.

“Since it was founded in 1977, NREL has played a key role in bringing renewable energy technologies from the drawing board to the marketplace,” Senator Allard said. “With my support and the support of others, like Congressman Bob Beauprez, I look forward to seeing NREL continue its high-caliber work.”

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